(b) Vide answer to question No. 563 (b).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it even now under the consideration of the Government?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon—Yes; it is under the consideration of the Government.

Government orders on the Special Finance Committee Report.

566. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any reason for the long delay in passing orders on the above report; if not, will they be pleased to state when the same will be done; will they also be pleased to state whether they have come to know that there is great discontentment among the various servants of the Government?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.— Vide answer to question No. 563 (b).

In regard to the latter part, the answer is in the negative.

Repair of a path from Kanimangalam to Perincheri.

567. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the inhabitants of Perincheri desom, Avinasseri village, Trichur Taluk, had petitioned the Kodannur Group Panchayat, (b) the Superintendent of Panchayats, (c) the Diwan for the last six years for repairing the path leading from Kanimangalam to Perincheri;

(2) if the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, the date of each of the petitions and the action taken on the same;

(3) whether the Superintendent of Panchayats has on any occasion inspected the path in question and expressed his opinion that the request made by the petitioners was just and that steps would be taken to have the path repaired soon;

(4) whether the Panchayat concerned was not pressing for the work in question and demanding allotment for the same in the budget every year;

(5) why the work has not yet been taken up in spite of the repeated prayers of the people and the extreme necessity of the work in question?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) To Kodannur Panchayat dated 16th Medam 1099.

To the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats dated 20th Kumbham 1104.

To the Diwan dated 20th Thulam 1103. Enquiries were made in the matter.

(3) Yes.

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(4) and (5) Yes. The work was provided for in the budget of 1102. It was not, however, executed by the Panchayat as other roads more urgent have been taken up for execution.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to answers to sub-divisions (4) and (5), was this work provided for in the budget of 1103 or 1104?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the reason why it was not provided for ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—For want of funds.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can we reasonably expect that it will find a place in the budget for 1105?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I cannot say.

Government servants accepting honorary posts, etc.

568. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government servants are prohibited from accepting honorary but responsible posts in the managing bodies of Social and Communal organisations without prejudice to their duties as Government servants and address communications to the Diwan or His Highness direct, in such capacities;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether any Government servant has at present accepted such posts, and if so, the names and particulars of the Government posts held by such Government servants ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) No, provided it does not interfere with their legitimate duties as Government servants.

(b) In the light of the answer to part (a), no answer is called for to this part.

Removal of teak from Sirkar forests.

569. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state if the D. F. O., Northern Division, received any anonymous letter about the removal of teak from Sirkar forests without permission while he was camping at Nemmara in Vrischigam last ; if so, what was the letter ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) Yes.

(ii) A copy of the petition is placed on the Council Table.

570. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state if Mr. V. Kesavan Nayar of Nemmara had applied to cut and remove teak from the Sirkar forests in Nemmara; if so, when ; when was sanction accorded for the same and how many trees were cut and removed to Mr. Kesavan Nayar's Farm House in pursuance of the sanction ?

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